

# The Hong Kong Telegraph.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital..... \$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital..... 2,100,000

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THE Bank is now prepared to make advances  
on goods in neutral Godowns, and on  
other securities at rates to be obtained on  
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Account or Fixed Deposit.  
Interest for 12 months fixed, 5 per cent.  
6 " 4 "  
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to the Manager.  
Hongkong, 20th November, 1891. [1429]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... \$2,000,000.  
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Head Office ..... 40, Threadneedle Street,  
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BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN  
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THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,  
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on application.

E. W. RUTTER,  
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## Insurances.

THE FUNDS  
OF THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE  
ARE invested entirely within the British  
Dominions and are thus free from the  
complications which might arise in time of war.  
They now amount to Seven Millions Sterling,  
and have increased 50 per cent. in the last 15  
years.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,  
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [1426]

## GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TIME INSURANCE COMPANY  
(LIMITED)

CAPITAL, TAELS 100,000;  
EQUAL TO \$1,000,000;  
RESERVE FUND ..... \$1,000,000;

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, etc. taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 3 & 4, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1427]

## Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

HAVE RECEIVED A LARGE SUPPLY OF THE

SWAN FOUNTAIN PEN.

THE "Swan" is a Mable Todd & Co. Gold Pen joined to a rubber reservoir to hold any kind  
of ink, which it applies to the writing point in a continuous flow. It will hold ink enough  
for two days' constant work, or a week's ordinary writing, and can be filled with as little trouble  
as to wind a watch.

With the cover over the gold nib it is carried in the pocket like a pencil, to be used anywhere.  
A purchaser may try a pen a few days, and, if by chance the writing point does not suit his  
hand, exchange it for another without charge.

\$4 EACH, WITH FILLER COMPLETE.

THERE ARE VARIOUS POINTS TO SELECT FROM, BREAD, MEDIUM AND FINE.

The Gold Pens in the "Swans" are Mable Todd & Co.'s famous make. They are 14-carat  
tempered gold, very handsome, and positively unaffected by any kind of ink. They are pointed  
with selected polished Iridium.

They will not penetrate the paper, and writer's cramp is unknown among users of Gold Pens.  
They are a perfect revelation to those who know nothing about Gold Pens.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.,  
FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

AND  
Commission Agents.

JUST LANDED. A FRESH SUPPLY OF  
FINE SCOTCH WHISKY in 1 lb. Bottles, \$1 per bottle.

ALWAYS ON HAND, OUR SPECIAL  
LIQUEUR WHISKY, \$10 per Case.

ROYAL PALE SHERRY.

BEAUTELIAN'S \*\*\* BRANDY.

BASS' ALE, bottled by Reid Bros., Bull's Head.

GUINNESS' STOUT, bottled by Reid Bros., Bull's Head.

TOBACCO: "OUR BOYS" and RALEIGH PLUG CUT.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1891. [1428]

FOR SALE.

SADDLERY & STABLE REQUISITES  
SADDLES, HARNESS,

RIDING WHIPS, DRIVING WHIPS.

SADDLE CLOTHS, WRIGHT CLOTHS, CLOTHING, SURCINGLES,

BRIDLES, RACING REINS

STIRRUP LEATHERS, STIRRUP WEB, GIRTHS, BITS, &c.

CURRY COMBS, NEAVE COMBS, HORSE, DANDY & SPOKE BRUSHES, BURNISHERS,

CHAMOISE LEATHERS, HARNESS OIL, HARNESS COMPOSITION, HARNESS POLISH,

SADDLE PASTE, BOOT-TOP FLUID, MELTONIAN CREAM.

RIDING AND JOCKEY BOOTS, BOOT-TOPS.

JANE CRAWFORD & CO.

THE PIANO, ORGAN AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,  
and at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

PIANOS  
SPECIALLY MADE FOR THIS CLIMATE AND GUARANTEED.  
MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.

TUNING-REPAIRS.

Instruments made equal to new. Large experience, all Machinery, trained men and Work guaranteed.

OLD PIANOS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE.

15 years extensive experience in China, and the only firm of trained and practical people  
devoting themselves entirely to the Music and Musical Instrument Trade. [1429]

W. BREWER,  
JAPANESE HAND PAINTED CHRISTMAS CARDS.

THE FINEST COLLECTION OF THE

SEASON IS NOW ON VIEW AT

W. BREWER'S,

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE GERMAN MAIL LEAVING ON SATURDAY NEXT,

WILL REACH LONDON THE 23RD DECEMBER.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1891. [1429]

W. POWELL & CO.

IMMENSE STOCK OF NEW GOODS.

LATEST NOVELTIES IN

TOYS! TOYS!! TOYS!!!

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1891. [1429]

SHOOTING STOCKINGS FOR SPORTSMEN.

BUCKSKIN LEGGINGS.

PORPOISE HIDE BOOTS.

CANADIAN CREAMERY BUTTER and CHEESE.

CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.

18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1891. [1429]

ROBERT LANG & CO.

NEW HATS.

BLACK, GREY AND BROWN FELTS

SINGLE TERAI HATS

(ALL SHAPED).

RAW AND PITH HATS.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1891. [1429]

## To be Let.

TO LET.

ROOMS in Pedder's Street, on First Floor,  
Suitable for offices.  
Apply to CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.,  
Hongkong, 20th November, 1891. [1429]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

A FEW HOUSES in KNUTSFORD TERRACE  
containing 5 Rooms each and  
Bath-rooms. Tennis Courts. Healthy situation.  
Cheap Rent.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT  
& AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1891. [1429]

TO LET.

BAHAR LODGE, THE PEAK.

R. B. LOT No. 59.

THIS desirable residence with Gas laid on  
to be Let Furnished or Unfurnished.

Apply to HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND  
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Hongkong, 12th May, 1891. [1429]

TO LET.

WITH Immediate Possession.

AT KOWLOON DOCK BAY.

A BUNGALOW with 5 Rooms, a large

Tennis Court and Garden. Moderate  
Rent.

Apply to B. A. ERANEE,  
c/o Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1891. [1429]

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PORTLAND LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HONOLULU, VICTORIA, B.C., AND

PORTLAND (OREGON), via JAPAN PORTS.

(Taking through Cargo at the through rates to

CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT,

and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

Cargo will not be received on board after 3

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For further information as to Passage and  
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DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1891. [1429]

TO LET.

PORTLAND LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HONOLULU, VICTORIA, B.C., AND

PORTLAND (OREGON), via JAPAN PORTS.

(Taking through Cargo at the through rates to

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1891.

## Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.  
CHEMISTS, &c.

SELECTION FROM WINE & SPIRIT LIST.  
CLARKE & CO.  
per case of case of  
12 qts. 24 pts.

VIN ORDINAIRE—An excellent light breakfast wine.....\$ 5.00  
ST. GERMAIN—A pure light wine.....\$ 5.00  
ST. ESTEPHE—a light dinner wine.....\$ 6.00  
ST. JULIEN—a good dinner wine with more body.....\$ 8.00  
CHATEAU LIVRAN 1884.....\$12.00  
BARTON LANGOA  
—a rare vintage claret, 1875.....\$14.00  
S. H E R R Y .  
per case per bottle

VINO GENEROSO—a generous round wine, green seal.....\$ 6.00 \$1.60  
VINO DE PASTO—a medium dry wine with delicate flavour, red seal.....\$10.00 \$1.00  
AMONTILLADO—a high class natural wine for connoisseurs of Sherry, yellow seal.....\$12.00 \$1.10  
DELICIOSO—the very finest sherry procurable, 6 years in bottle.....\$14.00 \$1.25

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

WE invite attention to our first supplies  
of  
CONFECTORY AND

CHRISTMAS GOODS

RECEIVED BY THE LAST MAIL.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES, DRAEES, PRALINES, and a large selection of PURE CONFECTORY from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL CHOCOLATE CREAMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA, and other FRUIT JELLIES in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS mounted in Plush, representing favourite subjects.

A large assortment of ENGLISH and JAPANESE CHRISTMAS CARDS, of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes, and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1891.

NOW READY.

[PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.]

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST FOR 1891.

THIS Valuable Work, with many NEW ADDITIONS and IMPROVEMENTS, IS NOW READY.

PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

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PARIS...Messrs. Andre Prince & Co.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, Office, Podder's Hill,

Hongkong, January 1st, 1891.

At Tientsin, on the 9th Nov., 1891, the wife of JOHN H. OSBORNE, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1891.

## ONCE AGAIN.

A FREE advertisement for our very own particular friends. BUTTERFIELD and SWIRE.—

TO THE OFFICERS OF THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

"There appears to be an impression that the various bonuses granted by the Company are irrecoverable and form part of the ordinary wages of the employees, we will be glad if you will bear in mind that the bonuses are granted solely at the discretion of the Company, who reserve to themselves the power, at any time, without entering into explanations, to reduce or withhold them. The discretion will not be arbitrarily applied, as may be gathered from past experience."

This feeble exhibition of ungrammatical hash, signed by BUTTERFIELD and SWIRE as agents for the China Navigation Co., has been sent to all the officers of that Company's fleet in these waters. It seems a great pity that such an eminent firm as BUTTERFIELD and SWIRE, directed by such a heaven-born genius as EDWIN MACKINTOSH, couldn't find somebody capable of composing half a dozen simple lines in the English language without perpetrating almost twice as many grammatical blunders. It seems a still greater pity that the heaven-born genius just referred to, so far forgot the respect which employer owes to employé, no matter how wide the difference in social rank, as to address the officers of the China Navigation Company, Limited, as if they had been so many dogs. They are not addressed as "Gentlemen," nor yet "Dear Sirs;" they are not considered worthy of being addressed as ordinary human beings; they have hurled at them, as if they were mere coolies, the *sixty-six* of BUTTERFIELD and SWIRE, or EDWIN MACKINTOSH, language which any half-educated school-boy would blush to own, the most insulting and arbitrary exercise of an imaginary absolute power that we have come across for years. Politeness costs nothing, but it is nevertheless worth untold gold.

And what is there actually in the circula after it has been carefully analysed? Absolutely nothing. It is childish vanity, as full of harmless wind and sound as the empty skull of the man who composed it. But it is nevertheless a direct and gratuitous insult to the whole of the officers in the China Navigation Co.'s service. In Australia, under similar circumstances, every officer in the Company would have "come out" until the obnoxious circular was withdrawn, an ample apology offered, and a reasonable and reliable understanding arrived at. In the Far East that standard of independence has not yet been reached; but they are getting near it, dangerously near it, as shipping companies and ship-owners of the B. and S. type will know to their cost before long.

All this, of course, is the outcome of the WILTSHIRE scandal. We should like to know in what spirit this wonderful circular has been received by the officers of the China Navigation Co., Ltd.

TELEGRAMS.

THE CHILIAN PRESIDENCYSHIP. London, November 9th.

All parties in Chil have nominated Mr. Jorge Montt for President of the Chilian Republic.

A CORRESPONDENT EXPelled. The police have expelled from Russia the correspondent of the *Illustrated London News*.

THE CITY OF CORK ELECTION. November 9th.

Mr. Flavin, anti-Parnellite, has been elected M.P. for Cork city, defeating Mr. John Redmond, Parnellite, and Captain Sarsfield, Unionist, by a large majority.

THINGS GETTING MIXED. November 18th.

An uneasy feeling is reported to prevail on the European bourses consequent on the embarrased financial condition of the chief states.

Austria and Germany are increasing their armaments.

A DEPRESSION IN THE PACIFIC.

Scholar Ortiz, Consul for Spain, courteously informs us that he received a cablegram from Manila this morning to the effect that there are signs of a depression in the Pacific Ocean.

In his weather report to-day Dr. Roberts says:—"The cone was lowered at 10.15 a.m., and the barometer has risen."

The steamer *Diamond* (from Peiping via Singapore) which arrived in port to-day reports:—"By 2 a.m. on the 19th we were in a typhoon. Wind blowing with terrific force. Lost three boats. After cable cutted and everything moveable washed overboard by heavy cross-seas. Barometer dropped from 30.00 to 29.90, suddenly, just before the full force of the typhoon struck us."

The *Active* (from Haiphong) arrived to-day considerably damaged about the upper decks. She had her boats stowed in during a gale in the Gulf of Tonkin on the 17th instant, and the deck hopes were also smashed by heavy seas which broke up board.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Esk* arrived at Ichang on the 9th inst.

MR. THE FINO LUNG, late Chinese Consul at Singapore, arrived here by the French mail.

H.M.S. *Archer* was at Wuhu and the *Lynx* en route to Hankow, according to latest advices from the North.

An Australian paper states that £64,40 worth of silver was yielded by the Barrier mines the other week.

THE ordinary weekly meeting of the Mercantile Marine Officers' Association has been postponed until 9 p.m. to-morrow.

ADMIRAL Richards, commander-in-chief of the British squadron in the Far East, is expected in Shanghai on the 29th inst.

THE hearing of the *Minkinnett v. Fraser-Swift* libel suit has been fixed for Wednesday the 2nd December, at 10.30 a.m.

THE first furnace in China for the manufacture of cast steel, after Stevens' system, was opened recently at the Kiangnan Arsenal.

The steam yacht *Ballyhoo*, Admiral E. R. Willows, with a select company of kindred spirits (mixed) left this morning for her usual annual carnival up the Pearl River. They will have a "good time."

The steamer *Ella*, which was chartered by the British Government in connection with the Chinese riot in the North, has hauled down the Union Jack and resumed her original status as a merchant vessel.

The *Mercury's* Take correspondent, writing on the 12th instant, says:—"Things are very quiet here, and very little doing,—quite an unusual occurrence for this time of year. All vessels seem to be coming in with but half of their usual cargo."

The Bishop of Exeter, who is now in Hongkong on his way home from Japan, will stay here a few days, and will preach on Sunday next (22nd) in the morning at the Cathedral, eleven o'clock service, and in the evening at St. Peter's Church, at half past six.

THE steamship *Fukko*, on arriving at Shanghai on the 16th inst., reported having passed the China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Pekin* ashore near San-ah-wan Point, about ten miles below Wuhu. The *Pekin* appeared to be badly aground, and very high up on the bank.

OUR Shanghai contemporary the *Mercury* points out that the well-known China race-pony Home Guard has started in 25 races, won eight, placed second in thirteen, and third in four. This is a sterling record, but Home Guard was unlucky to have had to meet 'throughout his racing career such equine giants as Zephyr and Hero.

THE "Austrian Lloyd's" has resolved to increase its number of voyages to the East, and for this purpose to provide itself with a number of new fast vessels. Two of these large fast sailing steamers, destined for the Indian service, are being ordered in England at the price of £150,000, each and four will be built of Austrian steel at the Lloyd's wharf at Trieste. The former (two-screw steamers) must be delivered in six months.

THE Relief of Lucknow has, according to the latest home papers, been celebrated recently by a dinner in London, at which Sir Henry Havell Allan proposed the health of the officers now surviving who took part in that Homeric struggle. It is particularly interesting to note that one of the youngest subalterns in Havell's column is now Major-General Digby Barker, Commander of the Forces and Administrator of Government in Hongkong.

WAITING on the 15th instant, the Ningpo correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* says:—"Outside of the excitement caused by the wreck of the *Ickang* there is nothing of particular note."

The Chinese gun-vessel *Chao Wu* has once more returned to this port, her proper station, the British gunboat *Lionel* was here for a few days last week and helped us to refresh our minds as to what a naval ensign is like; a consideration for which we ought to be extremely thankful, but are not."

A SCHOOLBOY's composition on "The Editor" ran as follows:—"The editor is one of the happiest beggars in the world. He can go to the circus in the afternoon and evening without paying a cent, also to inquests and hangings. He has free tickets to the theatre, gets wedding cake sent to him, and sometimes gets licked, but not often, for he can take things back in the next issue, which he generally does. While other boys have to go to bed early, the editor can sit up every night and see all that is going on."

FROM an interesting letter sent by a Bombay correspondent to our Shanghai morning contemporary we extract the following:—"In spite of the disturbances on the Upper Yangtze I see you are to have a fresh supply of missionaries, the British Church Missionary Society having arranged to send a batch of sixty-seven to Africa, India and China, the majority being destined for labour amongst the Mongolians. "From the Pulpit to the Stage" is not without precedent. From missionaries we will proceed to shows. If half the theatrical companies that visit India this season extend their tour eastward you are likely to have a gay time during the spring of next year. Never has Calcutta been so inundated with companies as at the present time. Although the cold-weather season has not yet commenced and the winter residents have not yet returned to the Bengal capital, no less than four theatrical advertisements appear in the Calcutta press. Stanley's Opera Company opened at the Corinthian on the 10th October, Miss Ada Maren's "Folly Company" is playing at the Opera House, with Slade Murray, the well-known comic vocalist, as the great attraction. Hudson's Surprise Party is performing new wonders at the Royal, and at the Skating Rink the London Variety Co. is attracting its share of patronage. In Bombay, George Mills is wrestling with Shakespeare and "Sam Geridge," and the Harvey and Fletcher troupe is just opening a variety season. The chief attraction of the Indian theatrical season will doubtless be the performances to be given by Miss Janet Achurch, an actress whom most of your readers will remember as playing the leading rôle in the production of Ibsen's "A Doll's House" in London. This well-known artiste will be supported by Mr. Charington and a company formed in Australia. As Miss Achurch is said to be anxious to see as much of the world as possible during her professional campaign, it is more than probable that she will return to England by way of China and America."

THIS the Shanghai *Mercury* of the 14th inst.:—"Those who maintain that there is neither gratitude nor generosity in the Chinese breast are unanswerably refuted by the touching story disclosed at the proceedings yesterday in connection with an inquest held on the body of an Englishman, named Thomas Marshall, who died under very miserable circumstances in a Chinese house in the French Concession yesterday morning. Mr. Marshall once held a respectable position in Shanghai, and in the days of his comparative opulence employed, in the usual manner, a 'lukka' coolie. Things changed for Mr. Marshall, and from certain unhappy causes, he lost one 'lukka' after another, drifted lower and lower in the scale of respectability, until he finally became a pauper and an object of charity to his friends. But the 'lukka' coolie, with a devotion to his old master seldom equalled except by the conventional faithfulness of a slave, stuck to his former employer through thick and thin, went without wages, worked for his master and, finally, shared his poor lodgings and the meagre earnings he scraped together on the streets as a public coolie, with him. At last, when the end came, it was still the poor coolie who tried to make a last effort for his unhappy master, went to his friends and endeavoured to get other Englishmen to take notice of his pitiable state before it was too late. The coolie himself is entirely without money, and unable to pay the seven months' rent due for the squall room in which he housed the unhappy Englishman for so long, without any prospect of ultimate reward. In view of these circumstances a subscription has been started by Mr. W. R. Kahler, who was present at the inquest; and we are happy to state that by four o'clock this afternoon £60 had been subscribed. The list is still open, and as it is desired to get together £100 those who wish to subscribe can do so."—The "free" band of Lukka coolies who attended the inquest, and the other sections of the community attended in great force.

THE charge of 50c. shill on the objectionable crowd of Lukka coolies that do "free" band nights so may the scene. The other sections of the community attended in great force.

Barometer dropped from 30.00 to 29.90, suddenly, just before the full force of the typhoon struck us."

The Foochow correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes under date Nov. 10th:—"The villagers, who opposed the Salt Gabelle, have been reinforced, and are now 15,000 strong. They have named themselves the *Cate Chien* (Golden Cash Society), and have several *Kate-kueh* as leaders. They have repeating rifles and rumours say there are fifty Frenchmen to direct them. They have sacked the town of Tarawai and are now besieging Yen Chi-hien, four days march from Foochow; but it is believed they will not come to this port, nor join the *Kate-kueh* on the Yangtze. They are well organized and defeat the Imperialists wherever they meet them."

THE pre-monsoon concert given by the band and pipers on Wednesday night in aid of the Earthquake Relief fund was very successful, and resulted in a considerable augmentation of the fund. The night was fine, and the attendance good. The charge of 50c. shill on the objectionable crowd of Lukka coolies that do "free" band nights so may the scene. The other sections of the community attended in great force.

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THE *Shanghai Times* understands that an action for malicious libel has been entered in the German Consular Court against Mr. R. Gatte, late proprietor of the *Siam Mercantile Gazette*.

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excursions, or some sort of holiday. He suggested an adjournment to Monday at two o'clock.

HIS Excellency quite acquitted Mr. Chater of any feeling of hostility or obstruction. He felt that the hon. member had only expressed his idea of what was due to the other "unofficial". He agreed that in the absence of the three unofficials it was undesirable to go on, and he was pleased to hear from Mr. Carter that he was strong in his surmises as to the intention to delay progress, but thought it would be agreed that the circumstances looked so strong as to excuse his (the speaker's) deductions. With regard to the adjournment if Saturday afternoon was not suitable, he would say if Saturday morning would suit the unofficials better. It would be necessary to meet on Monday at two o'clock in any case. The days were closing in, time was limited, and the ordinary Monday meetings would have to begin at two in future. But now there must be a meeting before Monday. He would make it Saturday morning if the a.m. would not do. Further, he would ask what hour in the morning would be most convenient.

Ultimately the Council adjourned until 11 a.m. to-morrow.

## TRouble IN WESTERN CHINA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Shanghai, 5h November, 1891.

There appears to be more trouble in store for the Chinese Government in Western China. The aboriginal population in these parts, known collectively as the *Miao-tse*, have of late been most shamefully ill-treated and in self-protection have risen in arms against their oppressors. The *Miao-tse* in three different districts of lower Kuei-chou have been slain, and their families have been expelled; I am told. The standard of retribution has been unfixed, and home rule demanded for the *Miao-tse* as is olden times. The system of levying contributions for the personal benefit of the officials, and exacting forced labour from the whole population, without payment or any other kind of reward, is known to be a very grievous burden to the poor *Miao-tse*, and they have revolted against such oppression more than once before this. It is difficult to say where all this will eventually end, but great uneasiness prevails. Six hundred men fled, and a lot of ammunition are said to have fallen in the hands of the *Miao-tse* near Kuei-chou, and a person who is styled *Za Wu*, a sort of Head Centaur, has raised two million taels for the purpose of purchasing arms from the French in Tonquin. It is also said that a lot of young men have gone down to Tonquin to learn the use of the modern weapons used there with a view of acting as military instructors to their brethren in *Miao-tse*-land.

Kuei-chou, Kwang-si, and Yun-nan are very poor countries, owing to the oppressive rule exercised in those parts over the aborigines, but the mineral wealth of the country is great, the people are industrious and frugal, and if once placed under wise rulers those three distant provinces might eventually be made the wealthiest in the Empire. There is, however, no hope of wise rulers under the present regime, therefore the people have taken the only course left them to redress their wrongs. Human province is now attracting a great deal of attention throughout the Empire generally, and more especially throughout central and western China. It is a rich province, and ought to have been opened to foreign trade long ago. The people of Human are industrious but turbulent, and terribly jealous of the visibility of all places opened to foreign trade; and no doubt, if the truth was known, the Humanites could prove that they have good reason to feel aggrieved with foreigners for having left their fertile plains and busy ports unopened for so many years, when the one thing needful might have been easily done. They are not prepared to allow foreigners to act as they please everywhere, but if Chang-hi city, which is the provincial capital, Chang-é Fu and Yo-chu Fu, two other important cities, were opened to the Treaty Powers, they would no doubt prove important centres of commerce. This I firmly believe.

W. M. S.

## WRECK OF THE STEAMSHIP "ICHANG."

The Ningpo correspondent of the Shanghai Mercury writes on the 13th inst.:

At about nine a.m. yesterday the community was startled by a rumour from the Chinese that the steamer *Ichang* had struck on a rock and foundered. A little later a telegram that had been sent from Chin-hai at 6 a.m., but which, (owing to the dilatoriness of the operators in charge of the Telegraph office here) had not been delivered as promptly as it should have been, was received. It stated that the *Ichang* was badly on the "Nemesis" rock and in want of immediate assistance. The Chinese gun-vessel *Yun-kat* was at once despatched to render all help necessary. Later on during the day more detailed news arrived. The *Ichang* struck the rock on the port side, and remained firmly fixed, the rocks prising right into the boat and thus securing her at all points off into deep water. No lives were lost. The passengers were quickly and quickly transferred to native boats and brought on to Ningpo. Afterwards the cargo was taken out, but with no perceptible benefit, the ship remaining in the same precarious position. The latest news received this morning regarding the wreck is not bright. No hopes are now entertained as to her being able to get off. At present there are a few feet of water in the fore hold; the engine-room has started, and the ship is gradually sinking down. It is expected that at the fall of the tide she will either break loose or fall into the deep water that surrounds the "Nemesis". It is most likely she will break up, as she is seriously strained. It is fortunate that the weather has continued calm, for had it been otherwise nothing could have been done to save anything. How the accident happened is not yet known; the atmosphere was very hazy when it occurred.

R.A.B.

## THE RESULT OF THE CRUSHING.

The following telegram has been received from Mr. Bibby at Raub by the Singapore directors:—(Telegram delayed in transmission by a break down on the land line between Kuala Lumpur and Malacca). Sent from Raub on Saturday morning, 17th November; received in Singapore on Sunday evening, 18th November.

Crushing finished. 1,500 tons stone gave 5,000 ounces amalgam. 5,000 ounces amalgam gave 1,000 ounces melted gold. I expect to be ready to leave about beginning of next week.

The first completed crushing gave 567 ounces of gold for 350 tons of stone.

The second completed crushing gave 757 ounces of gold for 400 tons of stone.

The third completed crushing gave 625 ounces of gold for 350 tons of stone.

In that third crushing, the yield of 625 ounces of gold was produced from 2,774 ounces of amalgam. It was considered at that time that the percentage of gold in the amalgam was not

so great as might sometimes be the case, and it was not so great as had been the case.

The fourth crushing is the one telegraphed to-day, as above.

It will be seen that the fourth crushing gives about 1 oz. 16d. dwt. of gold per ton of stone, being doubly as good as the previous one and better than any, save the first.

It may be noticed that the amalgam on smelting proved to be richer in gold on the occasion of the fourth crushing than formerly. The total quantity of gold now produced from Raub is:

567	ounces from	350	tons.
757	"	400	"
025	"	1,350	"
1,001	"	1,100	"
4,540	"	3,290	"

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

The runner and detective who captured Chen Kin-lung received a reward of \$40, while the two headmen were each decorated with a button of the eighth military rank.

Some shipwrecked mariners have been sent to Choo-foo by the Chinese consul in Korea. Their junk was swamped near Shantung. Fourteen men and the survivors of the crew were returned by a Japanese mail-steamer and landed in K. rea.

Lately over two hundred small Peking dogs were taken out by cut-throats from the Palace gardens and distributed among the people living about the place. Prob. bly there is a canine epidemic rapping in the Imperial kennels and these dogs were brought in for safety's sake.

An opium store in a village near Soochow was entered by a band of robbers who carried off 52 balls of opium. When the villagers assembled on the alarm being given by the beating of a gong, the robbers took to their heels. Two of the marauders, being heavily laden with the booty, rested themselves before proceeding further, under the bridge outside the village. While they were talking over their exploit they espied two men running toward the bridge, one with an ax in his hand. The two commandos in command concluded that these were two of the pursuers, waited quietly until their supposed enemies were very close, then sprang out from their concealment and fell one of them with a blow from a stout stick. The other turned to run but received a bullet in the back of his head. He simply redoubled his speed and disappeared. The robbers questioned their captive, who turned out to be a carpenter who was going with his brother to early work in the town. The robbers, laughing to their hearts' content, released him and went their way.

NANKING.

peculiar taste for ceremony, etiquette, and pro-cration that oftentimes proves a sore impediment, and frequently a delay, to official negotiations. That patience is not a predominant quality in the average Anglo-Saxon, I verily believe, but the claimants for losses sustained during the riots of May last, have, with conspicuous forbearance, withheld the tide of insectation, and circumlocution to which they have been subjected, and have, with one exception, at last received the amount due to them in settlement of their modest claims.

The burning analogy which constitutes the provincial authorities in their concern for the peace and safety of those under the banner of rule has, we trust, averted the threatened rebellion, and shadow as the *Kohukwai* organization is to us, the present quietude and total absence of fresh outbreaks, nourishes a hope that the leaders of the late disturbances are subduing into the insignificance of a vanquished Trafalgar Square orator, ex-cell-slap politician.

Alarums who during the late troubles have, prophet-like, aired their medevils of war, rancine and prostration of trade, must be diabolically fit at the issue of events, and feel ill-rewarded for their persistent endeavours to harrow our feelings with absurd rumours, or inventions of their own flights of imagination. We believe the ordinary fluctuations of trade, was in knowledge of the foreign movement, and excepting the crisis upon the officers of the "most potent grave" and the head-admiralities, to whom the loss of property, the precipitate city of Rangoon remained unredressed.

Concerning that enigma theme, "the state of the weather," we are not apprehensive on the Yunnan, and we fully enjoy the feelings of felicity that the inveterate old of November brings; and the stiffness of our neighbour proclaims the approach of winter.

Gentlemen, whose acquaintance with the man is confined to his annual curtain, might find fault with Wu-hu and neighbouring as a show-ground, for, with one or two exceptions, the bags brought in by ex-slaves "white" have been small, while better results have been attained at Ning-po and Fuchien.

H.M.'s cruiser *Archer* arrived yesterday

as far as the *Lin* sea, will not make a lengthened stay, the *Lin* sea being mentioned as her relief.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

NANKING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Nanking, November 11th.

The military examinations should have opened yesterday, but some of the students had a grievance, and consequently the candidates from several districts refused to be examined. It appears the students from Y-chow-fu and Hwang-ling-fu took advantage of being allowed to carry an allowance of salt-free of duty, to take lots of it in boats, and, dodging the Customs barrier, attempted to make money by its sale in Nanking. This is a very common practice, but, unfortunately for the salt-smugglers, the Viceroy, R.-S.-H. is very strict, and the salt-officer wanted to search the boats. There was some bandying of words, and the result was that fire-arms were used, and lives lost on both sides. The men of the two districts named refused to be examined till a certain salt officer is put to death, and the students lay down on the ground, and refused to allow the cavalry practice. It is fortunate for the Nanking officials that it rained yesterday, so that they can blame the rain for delaying the exercises. It is hoped the examinations may go on all right to-morrow, but I have not found out yet what settlement has been made.

The present writer saw the Viceroy pass by this evening, with his body-guard, and the difference between this procession and that of the late Viceroy Teng is quite noticeable. Both have the same beaters of gong, the same boys in red, carrying beaters with the great man's titles, the red umbrellas and really looking yamen runners; also the well dressed writers riding on horse-back; but Teng's body-guard were armed with old-fashioned, rusty muskets and flintlocks. Lin has a body-guard of Hunan braves, armed with long broad-sabres, and nothing foreign at all.

The Viceroy has several proclamations out against the *Kolas*, warning all to burn their tickets of membership, to avoid punishment. This, together with two or three Society men having been beheaded here, during the past four months, ought to keep down disturbance. There are no proclamations concerning students carrying arms, and the management of students' horses. The grooms are to be registered, and those students bearing arms are obliged to give in their names.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

SHAOSHING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Shaoshing, November 9th, 1891.

Mr. Sich, an ex-acting prefect but who at present has charge of the gendarmerie for the suppression of salt-smuggling, has just issued the following proclamation:—

"One of the first principles of good government is to suppress the evil and secure peace and quiet for good. In carrying this out, we must first remove the rebellious, the traitorous and the vicious, and the *erk fu* in pursuing this course herefore have always had regard to the loyal affection of the people, and the uprightness of my own actions, holding the *erk fu* as my own enemy. Now, I have recently learnt that certain rebels have been trifling with the law, and acting in a disorderly manner, and that the foreigners in this country, who are not Chinese, are also abiding. It is very well known that no Chinese official, however friendly he may be, likes to see foreigners in his country. In fact, he would not be patriotic if he did. If the Chinese go to foreign countries, and read books, which otherwise would oppose to the foreigner, then the foreigners are not always very amicably disposed towards the Celestial intruders either. The enlightened Chinese, however, know very well that it is to the honour of their country to tolerate the foreigner, yet a while. The time will come, though, when foreigner will find it very difficult to make a living in China. Many merchants, and others, in the outer provinces, especially in the south, are at present with Chinese capital. If those Chinese go to foreign countries, and read books, which otherwise would oppose to the foreigner, then the foreigners are not always very amicably disposed towards the Celestial intruders either. The enlightened Chinese, however, know very well that it is to the honour of their country to tolerate the foreigner, yet a while. The time will come, though, when foreigner will find it very difficult to make a living in China. Many merchants, and others, in the outer provinces, especially in the south, are at present with Chinese capital. 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**Commercial.**

**LATEST QUOTATIONS.**

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—165 per cent. prem. buyers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £. 100 paid up—75 per cent. div. sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$235 per share, sales and buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan, and the Straits, Ltd.—115 per cent. share buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan, and the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, £130 per share, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$91 per share, sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$61 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 255 per share, sales and buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$106 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$102, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$315 per share, sales and sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$87 per share, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$348 per share, buyers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—50 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—273 percent discount, sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$371 per share, sales and buyers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$81 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.

Gra. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$60 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$35.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$7 per share, sales and buyers.

The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sellers.

The Shamen Hotel Co., Limited—\$10, sellers.

Punjon and Sungkie Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$32 per share, sellers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$0 cents per share, sales and sellers.

Imuris Mining Co., Limited—\$91 per share, sales and sellers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, nominal.

Touquin Coal Mining Co.—\$325 per share, sellers.

The Jellicoe Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Selina Tin Mining Co., Limited—40 cent per share, sellers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$12, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$178 per share, sales and sellers.

Lucon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$57 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$191 per share, ex. div., sellers.

Cruckshank & Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sales and sellers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$75 per share, sales and sellers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$23 per share, sellers.

The Labuk Planting Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sellers.

The China-Borneo Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$40 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$60 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$160 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$82 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$10 per share, nominal.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$14 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sales and sellers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$21 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$55 per share, sellers.

**EXCHANGE.**

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. .... \$1

Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/1

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/1

Credits at 4 months' sight ..... 3/1

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/2

ON PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/0

Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/0

On India, T. T. .... 2/1

On Demand ..... 2/1

ON SHANGHAI—Bank, T. T. .... 7/2

Private, to day's sight ..... 7/2

**MAILS EXPECTED.**

**THE ENGLISH MAIL.** The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Psalm*, with the next English, left Singapore on the 17th instant at 2.30 p.m., and may be expected here on the 20th.

**THE INDIAN MAIL.** The steamer *Arras*, *Asper*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 12th instant, and is due here to-day.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Chalydra*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 19th instant, and is expected here on the 27th.

**STEAMERS EXPECTED.** The Scottish Oriental Co.'s steamer *Chrysanthemum* is due from Bangkok.

The steamer *Chrysanthemum* left Singapore on the 23rd instant, and is due here to-day.

The Scottish Oriental Co.'s steamer *Zee Soh* left Bangkok on the 14th instant, and is expected here on the 21st.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Friar* left Singapore on the 16th instant, and is due here on the 23rd.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Garuda* left Nagasaki on the 19th instant, and is due here on the 23rd.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Bombyx*, from Bombay, left Singapore at noon on the 18th instant, and may be expected here on the 24th.

The Scottish Oriental Co.'s steamer *Phœbe* left Bangkok on the 19th instant, and is due here on the 27th.

The Navigatione Generale Italiana steamer *Silvana*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 19th instant, and expected here on the 27th.

**REPORT.** The German steamship *Admetus* reports that she left Wenzhou on the 16th instant, had fresh moon on the way.

The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Ningchow*, from London and Liverpool, passed the Canal the on 9th instant.

**VESSELS IN DOCK.**

Aberdeen Docks—*Lightning*, *Nasau*, *Taishan*, *Hethong*, and Revenue cruiser *Long-tsing*, *Cosmopolitan Dock*—*Tschirkev*.

**CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.**

18th November, 1891. At 10 p.m.

STATION.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.
Wladivostock	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Nagasaki	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Korea	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Foochow	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Amoy	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Anglo	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Port	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Hongkong	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Victoria Peak	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Camden	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Port	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Holloway	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Holborn	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Cape St. James	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW

19th November, 1891. At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.	Wind.
Wladivostock	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Nagasaki	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Korea	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Foochow	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Amoy	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Anglo	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Port	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Hongkong	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Victoria Peak	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Camden	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Port	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Holloway	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Holborn	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW
Cape St. James	SW	SW	SW	SW	SW

Directions in italics show the Case were issued at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. for the previous day.

The Chinese Meteorological Bureau.

The British steamship *Actaeo* reports that she left Halibut on the 15th instant. Encountered a heavy gale from north-north-east in Tonkin Gulf. On the 16th and 17th some damage done to houses and boats by heavy seas. Had strong north-east gales from Halan Head to St. John's, with heavy swell from east-south-east.

The French mail steamship *Melbourne* reports that she left Marseilles on the 18th ult., Alexandria on the 19th, Port Said on the 24th, Suez on the 25th, Aden on the 26th, Colombo on the 27th, Aden on the 28th, Singapore on the 29th, and Hongkong on the 30th. Had very settled weather leaving Manila, barometer 29.80, and strong south and south-east winds. Next day barometer fell to 29.70, with increasing wind and very confused sea towards evening. Wind veered to east and east-north-east, blowing strong. On the 18th at 10 p.m. wind veered to north-east with equally weather and high sea to port had many and togy weather.

The British steamship *Esmeralda* reports that she left Manila on the 17th inst. Had very settled weather leaving Manila, barometer 29.80, and strong south and south-east winds. Next day barometer fell to 29.70, with increasing wind and very confused sea towards evening. Wind veered to east and east-north-east, blowing strong. From Paracels to point hard north-north-east, gale with very hard rain squalls, and a very high and dangerous sea. Drove ship slow, head to sea for 36 hours.

The British steamship *Pinchay* reports that she left Liverpool and Singapore on the 11th instant. From Singapore to lat. 10° north, had moderate winds, much rain, and a heavy head swell; thence to 15° lat. north, had very bad weather and tremendous confused seas and wind from north to north-west and east, with a typhoon passing to the westward. From Paracels to point hard north-north-east, gale with very hard rain squalls, and a very high and dangerous sea. Drove ship slow, head to sea for 36 hours.

The British steamship *Diamond* reports that she left Penang on the 7th instant. On the 11th experienced strong north-east wind and sea, which continued until midnight of the 14th instant, when the barometer suddenly fell from 29.90 to 29.20. By 4 a.m. we were in a typhoon, which blew with terrific force. We lost three boats, after cabin gutted, and everything unseaworthy washed off the deck. With the wind from south and a rising barometer stood up for Hongkong, but fell in with strong gales and high sea from the north-east until arrival.

**Post Office.**

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Straits, Colombo, and Bombay.—Per *Melbourne* to-morrow, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Europe, &c., &c.—Per *Sachsen* to-morrow, the 21st instant, at 1.00 P.M.